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FEMALE ILLITERACY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of female illiteracy to national illiteracy rate;

(b) the details of schemes to ensure access to basic education to all females in the country; and

(c) the details of the funds earmarked,allocated and utilized by each State/Union Territory for the purpose during each of the last three years,scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) As per census 2001,female illiteracy rate of the country is 46.33% against the total illiteracy rate of 35.16%.

(b) The main schemes being implemented by different Departments to ensure access to basic education to all,including females,are:-

Department of School Education and Literacy

i) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is the national programme for universalisation of elementary education with special interventions for girls' education.This includes Kasturba Gandhi Balilka Vidyalaya (KGBV)−residential schools at upper primary level,and the National Program for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL).

ii) Under the Mahila Samakhya programme,Mahila Shikshan Kendras are set up for providing education to adolescent girls who have never gone to school,school dropouts and young women in the most backward areas.

iii) Programmes of Adult Education provide functional literacy to adult illiterates in the age group 15-35,with special focus on women,SC,ST and minorities.26 State Resource Centres (SRC) and 221 Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSS) have been established to provide support to literacy programmes.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

iv) Construction of Hostels for ST boys and girls.

v) The Scheme of Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe Girls in low literacy districts covers 54 identified districts where the ST population is 25% or more and ST female literacy rate is below 35% and Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) areas.

vi) Ashram Schools are established for Tribal Sub-Plan areas covering primary,middle,secondary and senior secondary levels of education.

vii) Eklavya Model residential schools from Class VI to Class XII.

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

viii) Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana for construction of hostels for SC boys and girls

ix) Pre-matric scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations

(c) Scheme-wise,State-wise details of grant released during last three years under above schemes are placed at Annexures I to III.